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Apparatus for Transferring Membranes to a Continuously Operable

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 41 19 656 A1, dated December 17, 1992, feeding mechanism for parts in a continuous production line:

German Utility Model DE 295 17 440 U1, dated March 28, 1996, device for heat sealing of can-like packaging materials;

European Patent Application EP 0 579 531 A1 (Graffin), dated January 19, 1994, heat sealable strip and device for feeding the strip;

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